

HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA REPORT

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TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the
Historical Advisory Board

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APPLICATION: **Vote to add Structures and Appurtenances at NAS
to the City of Alameda Historic Building Study List.**

ZONING DISTRICT: M-2-G, Industrial Manufacturing with a Government
Overlay

GENERAL PLAN: Federal Facilities

BACKGROUND

In November 2010 the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society approached the Historic Advisory Board with the request to consider adding several structures and appurtenances on the former Naval Air Station (NAS) at Alameda Point to the City of Alameda NAS Historic District, which is listed as a City of Alameda Historic Monument or Landmark.

The Board agreed to evaluate the structures and then discussed the options available to place the structures on the NAS Historic District list or the City of Alameda Architectural and Historical Resources Study List (Study List). Based on available historic resources to document the structures and current staffing constraints the Board determined that the inclusion of the structures on the Historic Study List would be the easiest to facilitate and allow for a minimum of protection of said structures against demolition or alterations once redevelopment at Alameda Point begins.

Between November 2010 and May 5, 2011 the HAB held hearings to discuss the addition of the proposed structures and appurtenances.

On March 26, 2011 the Historical Advisory Board held a special meeting to tour Alameda Point in conjunction with the Planning Board. The tour allowed for an on-site visit of the proposed additions to the Study List.

On May 5, 2011 the Board discussed those structures and appurtenances that were proposed for addition to the City Historic Study List. On May 10, 2011 Staff placed the Navy's Base Reuse and Closure Program Management Office (PMO) West on notice that the HAB was proposing to add these structures to the Study List.

The HAB has evaluated all structures and found that structures and appurtenances fall into one (or more) of the following criteria for inclusion on the Study List:

Architectural significance (i.e. the style of a resource, the reputation and ability of its architect, the quality of its design, its uniqueness, and the materials and methods of its construction and execution), or

Historical significance: the association of the resource with a person or event that has made a significant contribution to the community, from an association with the broad patterns of cultural, social, political, economic, or industrial history, or the urban development of Alameda), or

Environmental significance: the continuity or character of a street or neighborhood with a historical resource's setting on a block, its landscaping and (or) its visual prominence as a landmark or symbol of a street, a neighborhood or the City of Alameda), or

Design integrity: an analysis of alterations that have been made to the original materials and design features of the resource.

In addition, the Board has also evaluated the structures for their quality and eligibility requirements for the National Register of Historic Places, etc, as follows:

- N** for National Register of Historic Places quality,
- S** for California State Register of Historical Resources quality,
- B** for providing background support for more worthy resources nearby;
- E** for a place that by itself is not much but helps form an environment or
- H** for an item that has historic importance because of its construction date or location or one that "may" have architectural importance because it is similar to others by important architects or builders. (This last criterion includes a statement that more historic research should precede "further evaluation" of this resource.)

RECOMMENDATION

Consider the list of structures and appurtenances and vote to add appropriate structures and appurtenances to the Historic Study List of the City of Alameda.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

SIMONE WOLTER
HAB SECRETARY

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Navy Response Letter to Notice
3. Map
4. List of Structures and Appurtenances
5. Staff Report of May 5 (without attachments)